

MENOMONIE MOMENT

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City of Menomonie Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Collection

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022

Time: 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: City of Menomonie Community Services Building
621 11th Ave W, Hwy 29, Menomonie

Fees: \$10/Vehicle, Cash or Check Only

Details:

- **City of Menomonie Residents Only**
- Enter the Community Services Building parking lot from Wilson Avenue



Acceptable Items

Automotive

- Antifreeze
- Brake Fluid
- Degreasers
- Gasoline

Batteries

- Smaller than car battery in size (no alkaline or car batteries)

Bulbs

- Compact, U-Shape & Circular Fluorescent
- HID Lamps
- Fluorescent Tubes
- LED
- PCB & Non-PCB Ballasts

Cleaners

- Concrete Cleaners
- Polish & Spot Removers
- Pool Chemicals

Other Materials

- Aerosol Cans (not empty)
- Acids/Bases
- Rodent Bait
- Mercury

Paints/Solvents

- Oil & Lead Paint (no latex paint)
- Oil Based Stains & Polyurethanes
- Adhesives
- Turpentine, Strippers and Thinners

Pesticides

- Insecticides
- Fertilizer w/ weed killer
- Herbicides
- Fungicides

Unacceptable Items

- Appliances
- Alkaline & Automotive Batteries
- Compressed Gas Tanks (propane, helium, spray foam, etc)
- Electronics
- Explosives (gunpowder, ammunition, fireworks)
- Latex Paint
- Medical Waste
- Medications
- Sharps
- Smoke Detectors
- Tires
- Used Oil
- Fire Extinguishers

This is not an inclusive list of acceptable & unacceptable items. If you have questions on specific items, please contact the City of Menomonie.

Year-Round Hazardous Waste Disposal

Logistics Recycling (LRI)

- 707 Lehmann Way, Somerset, WI
- Call to set up an appointment
- Fees apply
- 920-456-0336 or 800-558-1166

Why Does the City Build Stormwater Ponds?

In the past several years, the City has built two regional stormwater ponds, one near the Dunn County Rec Park and the other in Wakanda park, and a third pond will be built in North Menomonie along 22nd Ave in 2023. The City has built these ponds to help reduce the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Menomin & the Red Cedar River to help meet levels prescribed in our stormwater permit by the DNR.

These stormwater ponds help control the quantity and quality of storm water entering our lakes and rivers. During a rain event, the ponds collect water and depending on the type of pond, the water is either allowed to soak into the ground or pool in the pond. This allows pollutants and nutrients to be removed either by filtering through the soil, allowing sediment to accumulate in the bottom of the pond or through biological processes similar to a natural wetland.



DON'T BLOW IT !

Rake

Mulch

Bag

Compost

Our waterways receive stormwater from thousands of homes each time it rains. Keep leaves and other trash out of the gutter and away from storm drains.

Only Rain in the Drain!

Protect Water Quality & Win a Rain Barrel

Clean water starts in your own yard. What we do in our own yard can contribute to the water quality of our lakes and rivers. You can help improve water quality by reducing the use of fertilizers in your yard, planting a rain garden, picking up pet waste, keeping leaves and grass clippings out of the street, and reducing the amount of salt used on your driveway and sidewalk. For more inspiration and ideas on how to protect water quality in Menomonie, visit www.raintorivers.org/what-can-i-do.

To be entered to win a rain barrel, take a picture of yourself completing an activity that protects water quality in Menomonie and email it to mhines@menomonie-wi.gov. All entries will be entered into a drawing that will occur on November 1, 2022.



Please place these items in your recycling container, **no sorting necessary!**

Cans



Aluminum & Steel Cans

Empty & rinse
Labels can stay on

Glass



Glass Bottles & Jars

Empty, rinse &
remove lid

Plastic



Plastic Kitchen, Laundry & Bath Containers

Empty, rinse & replace cap
#1, #2 & #5

Paper



Mixed Paper, Magazines & Unwanted Mail

Keep loose, do not bundle

Cardboard



Cardboard & Paperboard

Flatten

Do **NOT** place these items in your recycling container:

Plastic Bags



Do not bag recyclables;
return plastic bags and
wrap to retail stores

Garbage



No food, liquids or
garbage; empty all
containers

Fridge & Freezer Boxes



No soda, beer or
frozen food boxes

Tanglers



No hoses, cables or
chains

Clothing



No clothing or
textiles; use
donation programs

Electronics Recycling

Electronics contain valuable materials that can be recovered through responsible recycling but also contain hazardous materials, like lead and mercury, that can cause harm to your health and the environment if not properly managed. Many electronics are banned from landfill disposal.

If your electronics are still working, consider gifting to a neighbor or friend or list for sale or free online. If your electronic devices are at their end of life, they can be properly recycled at:

First Choice Recycling

525 Park Ridge Ct, Eau Claire
715-233-2005
www.firstchoicerecycling.com

GFL – Curbside Pick-Up

715-235-9511



City Solid Waste & Recycling Drop-Off Site (City Residents Only)

The City operates a drop-off site for solid waste, recycling, yard waste, scrap metal, used oil, oil filters, carpet and furniture. Fees apply for carpet and furniture, payable by cash or check only.

A free permit is required to utilize the City's solid waste site. Permits can be requested online at www.menomonie-wi.gov/solidwastepermits or at the solid waste site. Permits will be mailed to you.

City of Menomonie Solid Waste Site

1601 Gilbert Creek Rd, Menomonie
Hours:

- Tuesdays: 7 AM – 6 PM
- Thursdays 7 AM – 6 PM
- Saturdays 7 AM – 12 PM

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City Moves Towards Carbon-Free Electricity



City of Menomonie
800 Wilson Ave
Menomonie, WI 54751

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After adopting a resolution to reduce municipal building emissions, the City has been completing projects that serve the community by reducing energy use.

Since passing the carbon-free electricity resolution in 2020, the City has:

- Teamed up with Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy program to develop the City's Energy Action Plan (menomonie-wi.gov/energy).
- Hired an Environmental Program Coordinator.
- Integrated energy-efficient construction techniques into the addition to the City's Community Services Building.
- Benchmarked electricity and natural gas use in all city buildings and created an energy dashboard to track progress toward our 2050 energy goal. (menomonie-wi.gov/energydashboard).
- Installed energy efficient upgrades to the HVAC system at City Hall.

Altogether, these actions have put the City on track to meet our carbon reduction goals. The graph below displays the City's progress toward carbon-free energy by 2050. The City also has interim goals of a 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2040. The baseline year for these goals is 2017. The navy blue line shows the greenhouse gas emissions (MT CO₂E) from municipal buildings by year. The gray line shows our emissions goals for 2030, 2040 and 2050, assuming a linear annual decrease).

Learn more about Menomonie's energy transformation using an interactive story map at menomonie-wi.gov/Energy.

